

Council Proceedings

(OFFICIAL)

Monthly report of the City Treasurer for the month of October, 1918: Paid Clerk's orders:

Cash fund	470.81
Street fund	407.19
Operating water works fund	270.88
Extension water works fund	32.44
Fire fund	3,927.50
Street lighting fund	359.54
Park fund	14.60
Public library fund	191.94
Sinking fund	125.00
Cement walk fund	1.50
Balance	29,061.29

Balance Oct. 1, 1918, \$34,862.67
Operating water works fund 1,110.49
Taxes for October 2,168.64
Balance Nov. 1, 1918, \$34,862.67
Wm. E. Fisher, City Treasurer.

Council Chambers, Nov. 15, 1918.
Council called to order by Mayor Fales. Roll call. Present: Ald. Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy, Friedly, and McCue—5. Absent—Ald. Arnold—1.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Clerk's and treasurer's reports.

Moved by Ald. Shawley, seconded by Ald. McCue, that the reports be accepted and the clerk authorized to draw orders for same. Yeas—Ald. Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy, Friedly, and McCue—5. Nays—0.

Street bills:
Al Wells, labor, \$29.40
Joe Tower, labor, 18.60
Steve Bostwick, labor, 36.00
City bills:

E. E. Fales, taking Eva Brooks to county house, 5.00
Ames & Unger, supplies, 4.85
Standard Engineering Co., supplies, 1,786.55
Serving on Election Board, Third ward:

B. C. Curtis, 4.00
W. R. Menke, 4.00
H. C. Friedly, 4.00
F. B. Pixley, 4.00
Harrison Parker, 2.00
J. M. Trimble, 2.00
Lyander Pickard, 2.00
F. E. Conant, returning reports to Ionia, 1.50
Serving on Election Board, Second ward:

W. B. Travis, 4.00
J. B. Essex, 4.00
Chas. Madden, 4.00
M. Clifton Greene, 4.00
L. M. Berry, 4.00
Hiram Minier, 2.00
M. Y. Gephart, 2.00
Sovers, for rent of building, 4.00
Serving on Election Board, First ward:

E. L. Sagendorf, 4.00
E. L. Kendall, 4.00
Geo. Mumby, 4.00
Chas. Williams, 4.00
Frank Baldwin, 4.00
Geo. Barton, 2.00
Wm. Eckler, 2.00
Brown, for rent of building, 5.00
Harry J. Connell, supplies, 1.50
Belding Coal & Ice Co., 1,000 Ohio Egg, 3.75
C. W. Kingsbury, groceries for Miss Brooks, 2.85
Model Market, meat, 2.85
Belding Lumber Co., supplies Library bills:

Mrs. M. E. H. Coville, 1918 magazines, 42.95
A. M. Simmons & Co., daily papers, 4.40

Spencer Electric Light Co., rental, 4.02
Moved by Ald. Friedly, seconded by Ald. Purdy, that the city bills be allowed and the clerk authorized to draw orders for same. Yeas—Ald. Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy, Friedly and McCue—5. Nays—0.
Water Works bills:
Belding Coal & Ice Co., supplies, 1.80
Ames & Unger, supplies, 25.66
Belding Mercantile Co., supplies, 5.00
The Ashton Valve Co., supplies, 14.00
Consolidated Coal Co., supplies, 158.84
Pere Marquette R. R., freight

bill, 31.74
Harry J. Connell, supplies, .85
Belding Lumber Co., supplies, 1.45
Barclay, Ayers & Bertsch Co., supplies, 2.17
Moved by Ald. Friedly, seconded by Ald. Shawley, that the water works bills be allowed and the clerk authorized to draw orders for same. Yeas—Ald. Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy, Friedly and McCue—5. Nays—0.
Moved by Ald. McCue, seconded by Ald. Hollenbeck, that the Common Council do now adjourn. Motion prevailed. Yeas—Ald. Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy, Friedly and McCue—5. Nays—0.
F. E. Conant, Clerk.

Monthly Report of the City Clerk for the month of October, 1918:

Contingent Fund
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1918, 12,511.54
Received for weighing, etc., 104.22
Received from county treasurer, 406.67
Paid orders No. 11522 to No. 11550, 699.03
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1918, 12,323.40

Street Fund
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1918, 463.46
Received for supplies sold, 89.37
Paid orders No. 7145 to No. 7159, 415.19
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1918, 374.09

Cement Walk
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1918, 262.19
Paid orders No. 327 to No. 328, 49.43
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1918, 212.76

Operating Water Works
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1918, 195.54
Received for water, 1,920.27
Paid orders No. 6509 to No. 6523, 413.62
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1918, 1,702.19

Water Works Extension
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1918, 1,139.28
Received for, 4.18
Paid orders No. 1500 to No. 1502, 41.74
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1918, 1,101.72

Street Light
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1918, 3,609.73
Paid order No. 254, 359.54
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1918, 3,250.19

Fire Fund
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1918, 6,046.53
Received for blankets sold, 6.00
Paid orders No. 17 to No. 423, 3,802.70
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1918, 2,249.83

Park Fund
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1918, 322.28
Paid orders No. 349 to No. 354, 26.57
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1918, 295.71

Public Library Fund
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1918, 634.29
Paid orders No. 189 to No. 194, 126.84
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1918, 507.45

Sinking Fund
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1918, 12,806.19
Paid order No. 17, 125.00
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1918, 12,681.19

General Sewer Fund
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1918, 718.33
Received for manhole cover from Ed. Engemann, 2.50
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1918, 720.83

River Ridge Cemetery
Balance Oct. 1, 1918, 8.28
Received for, 25.00
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1918, 16.72

School Library
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1918, 252.95
Received for dog tax, 1.00
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1918, 253.95
F. E. Conant, City Clerk.

Stomach Misery

Mi-o-na Puts the Stomach in Fine Shape in Five Minutes.
If your stomach is continually kicking up a disturbance; you feel bloated and distressed; if you belch gas and sour food into the mouth, then you need Mi-o-na Stomach Tablets.

Mi-o-na stomach tablets give instant relief, of course, but they do more; they drive out the poisonous

gases that cause fermentation of food and thoroughly clean, renovate and strengthen the stomach so that it can readily digest food without artificial aid.

Mi-o-na stomach tablets are guaranteed to end indigestion, acute or chronic, or money back. This means that nervousness, dizziness and biliousness will disappear. Drugists everywhere and Wortley & French sell Mi-o-na—Adv.

THE KIND OF POTATOES YOU LIKE TO GROW

Did you ever do any figuring on the case of getting a big crop of potatoes? If not, let's do it. But before we begin just make a guess as to how much you must get in each hill to make a really worthwhile yield.

A potato of the size of your fist weighs about half a pound. If you average only two of these to a hill, or four tubers just half as large, you have a pound to a hill. Yet nobody who claims to be a potato grower will ever admit that he is satisfied with



A Hill of Potatoes Grown With Fertilizer in 1917 at Hayward, Wisconsin.

only two fist-big potatoes to a hill. The average yield of the United States, however, is slightly less than one such potato to a hill.

Now for the figuring. There are about 14,000 hills to the acre. At least there should be, with normal planting. When there are not approximately this number it means that the seed was poor, or the man on the planter went to sleep, or the soil was in poor condition, or that there really wasn't plant food enough to grow a good crop.

Not every hill can be like the illustration. That would represent a 400-bushel crop. Many soils can't furnish plant food enough unless helped out by fertilizer. Yet it costs just as much to plow and plant for an average 100-bushel crop as for one that goes 400. It costs just as much for seed and it costs just as much for land rent. The big difference is on the income side. The bank account for a 400-bushel crop is what makes it so attractive.

FERTILIZER INDUSTRY APPEALS FOR EARLY ORDERS

Shortage of Labor Reflects on Country's Food Production.

By the irony of fate, two of the industries upon which the production of food depends have been most seriously crippled by the call of war. These are farming and the manufacture of fertilizers. Both have been hard hit by the shortage of labor, and the fertilizer business particularly has suffered by having its most important raw materials taken over by the government for the manufacture of munitions.

By working hard and utilizing labor-saving machinery and methods to the fullest degree, both have managed to produce their usual quota of goods so far, but it is hard to say how long this will last.

The fertilizer industry is even now sending out an appeal to its customers to order and accept for shipment in November and December, goods which would normally go out in February and March. This it seems will materially lessen the pressure in the spring, which has always been the "peak of production" period. By spreading the manufacturing and shipping season over a longer period more goods can be made, even with fewer men.

This request ought to meet with a hearty response from the farmers. Not only will it insure more fertilizer, which is badly needed, but it will help the farmers by spreading their labor over the time when they have the least to do. Hauling fertilizer to the farm takes time and labor, and if it can be done in winter, when there is least to do, and removed from the spring season when there is most to do, it ought to react to favor both producer and consumer.

POTATO PEELINGS.

Discard the seed potatoes which show "small, black dirt specks that won't wash off." These are usually about the size of a pin head, and instead of being dirt are caused by a certain disease—the rhizoctonia disease of potatoes. This causes a heavy production of potatoes too small to market.

Available ammonia (or nitrogen) in potato fertilizers is needed so that growth may start almost immediately after planting. At best the potato is a poor forager. The bulk of its plant food must be in available form.

When potatoes fail to bottom out well, even when growth has been good, it is an indication of a poorly balanced plant-food ration—usually of scarcity of potash in the fertilizer.

THE RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION ASKS FOR EARLY DISTRIBUTION OF FERTILIZERS.

Washington, D. C. — The United States administration has asked that farmers, agents and dealers all over the country co-operate in getting spring fertilizer moved at the earliest possible moment. Winter's congestion may this year, as last year, reduce movement of fertilizer. Fertilizer shipped now insures at least a part getting to consumers in time for use, and at the same time helps in freeing the railways for what may be more important service later in the season.

IF YOU DESIRE RESULTS TRY A WANT AD

A PATRIOTIC DUTY

You were asked to give up wheat, and you did it. You were asked to economize on sugar, and you did it. You were asked to observe heatless Monday and gasless Sundays—and you did that too.

These were wartime measures designed to accomplish specific purposes. There is another wartime measure which every farmer and truck gardener who expects to use fertilizers next spring must observe.

Fertilizers must be ordered now and shipment accepted at once. Fertilizer factory forces have been severely cut down and it is only by starting in now and running every day until spring that anything approaching an adequate supply of fertilizers can be produced. The farmer must help by getting the finished goods out of the factory and out of the way so more goods can be made.

WHERE THE SURPLUS POTATOES ARE GROWN

A short crop of potatoes is little less than a national calamity. Primarily, of course, it affects growers by cutting down on returns. Next it affects all the merchants and industries located in potato-growing regions, because it cuts down the money in circulation and the demand for manufactured products. Finally, the effects of the small crop reach into almost every home in the land, for prices rise greatly and the "high cost of living" is still further increased.

Of the states east of the Mississippi, Wisconsin, Michigan and Maine produce large surpluses—very large. With Minnesota these are the great potato states.



The Surplus and the Deficit Potato States.

growing states. Blights attacks, shortage of fertilizer, shortage of help or poor seed—any one of the numberless factors which injure the crop in any of these states—affect the whole country as well.

New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Virginia and Delaware also produce small surpluses of the tuber. They grow enough potatoes for their own use, and a small quantity for export. The other states, however—the great states of the corn belt—Kentucky, West Virginia and all the great South, have to buy nearly all the potatoes they consume.

It is too early yet to prophesy as to the 1919 crop. Whatever its size it will be consumed. Anything that helps in growing it must have the support of every one. Seed must be carefully conserved. Fertilizer must move promptly, and be on the farm, ready for use, when spring breaks. Perhaps the best way to handle this latter problem is for farmers to place orders now, and then, when they are hauling the present crop to market, take back a load of fertilizer.

Men 37 years old and over don't have to make out any questionnaires now, except to their wives.

Belding Market Quotations

Butter Fat65
Butter55
Eggs50

MEATS
Hogs, alive13
Hogs, dressed20
Beef, alive8-10
Veal Calves, alive12
Sheep, alive12
Lamb, alive14
GRAIN—PRICES PAID FARMERS

Wheat, No. 1, red2.14
Wheat, No. 2, white2.12
Eye1.52
Oats65
Barley, per cwt.2.00
Beans, per cwt.8.00

HAY AND STRAW
Timothy hay, baled, per cwt.1.70
Straw, Rye, baled, per cwt.80

FEEDS—RETAIL
Bran, per cwt.1.70
Ciddings, per cwt.1.80
Cornmeal, per cwt.2.90
Cracked corn, per cwt.3.00
Corn and Oat chop, per cwt.2.80
Ground Oats, per cwt.2.00

UNCLE SAM

needs your help. Daily we are receiving requests from Washington, as well as locally, for stenographers, typists, calculating machine operators, bookkeepers, etc. This is a wonderful opportunity for ladies to do their bit. Salaries from \$1,100 to \$1,320 per year. Send for our free course Bulletin. We have a number of opportunities for young ladies to work for their board and room while attending the D. B. U. Ask us about it.

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Saw Himself in Pictures.

Lieut. Christian R. Holmes, who returned from France last July wearing two service bars and three wound stripes, together with the French Croix de Guerre and Service Cross, recently had the novel experience of seeing himself in "America's Answer," the big U. S. official war picture at Memorial hall in Columbus, O.

In the picture Lieut. Holmes and Lieut. Murphy are shown being cited and decorated for bravery under fire by Maj. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who was subsequently severely wounded. Lieut. Holmes when he saw the picture as on a visit to his father at the Chillicothe, O., cantonment. The picture, "America's Answer" will be shown at the Empress theater very soon and the people of this vicinity will be given the opportunity to see Lieut. Holmes as he saw himself.

At last reports Kaiser Bill had offered to sell his chance of collecting that \$45,000,000,000 indemnity from the United States for 30 cents.

The proper place for the Huns is not "at" the peace table, but under it.

Protection from Dangerous Contagion

Owing to its antiseptic properties, 20 Mule Team Powdered Boric cannot be too highly recommended for liberal use in the care of the person wherever and whenever exposed to any contagious disease. It may be applied as a powder or with water as a solution.

It may be used with absolute freedom and safety in all the natural cavities of the body; physicians almost always prescribe it as an eye water, mouth wash, etc., and wherever introduced the antiseptic action is certain; but there is no danger from its use as there is with some other disinfectants. Insist upon having the original package of 20 Mule Team Powdered Boric and then you know that you have the real article full strength. All leading druggists—Adv.

Kaiser Bill proved that he didn't fear the popular anger, by leaving his wife to deal with the mob.

Tired, Overworked Mothers What You Need is Vinol

War conditions have made the demand upon a mother's time and energy unlimited. In their zeal to do all in their power for their loved ones, they continually overwork and are soon in a nervous, run-down condition. Vinol, the non-secret cod liver and iron tonic, will build you up and make you strong.

HERE IS PROOF

Whitman, Mass.

"I suffered from a nervous, run-down condition and loss of strength so it was hard for me to get around and do my work. After other medicines had failed to help me Vinol restored my health and strength and I heartily recommend it to anyone suffering from a nervous, run-down condition."—Mrs. R. M. Little.

Cleveland, Ohio.

"I keep house for my husband and myself and got into a weak, run-down condition, no strength, languid and no ambition. After doctoring for awhile and getting no better I tried Vinol and to my surprise it built me up and strengthened my whole system. It is certainly a good tonic."—Mrs. Wm. D. Dawson.

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Pleasant Memories

of a real Thanksgiving Day last the whole year through.

Home ties are made more precious by those happy, joyous reunions.

William and Susie come home to the farm or Father and Mother visit the Children in town.

Old times are discussed; old acquaintances are renewed; new friends are oftentimes made; happenings of boyhood and girlhood days are told and retold.

And soon the savory, appetizing odors from the kitchen, where the wonderfully tasty goodies baked from

Lily White

"The flour the best cooks use."

are waiting their turn to add to the pleasure of all, remind everyone that another Thanksgiving Day is at hand.

And what a feast!

Roast Turkey and Dressing with Cranberry sauce and jellies—enough for two helpings and more.

Such biscuits and rolls—flaky, tender, light and deliciously flavored—such as LILY WHITE produces.

Then the tarts and mince pies, and even our own particular kind of cake that dear old mother made just to please her grown-up children, kiddies of days gone by.

Surely it's a wonderful occasion, the memory of which will last the whole year through.

We are glad to have Lily White contribute to the day's pleasure.

Our Domestic Science Department furnishes recipes and canning charts upon request and will aid you to solve any other kitchen problems you may have from time to time. Public demonstrations also arranged. Address your letters to our Domestic Science Department.

VALLEY CITY MILLING COMPANY
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Real Estate News



120 acre Farm in Montcalm township, good gravel road, 90 acres under plow, 30 acres timber, 35 acres seeded, 15 acres rye, 9 room house, new round roof barn 34x70, two silos, hog house, poultry house, wood house and work shop. Fine orchard, entire farm well fenced, good well and windmill.

This farm will be sold at a bargain but must move at once; part cash, balance to suit.

200 acres 4 miles from Belding in Otisco township; 2 sets buildings, excellent soil, very reasonable price, terms if desired.

35 acres on Ionia road, near Wood's Corners; new house, small barn; owner will sell at a very low price.

10 acres, 3 miles from Belding; good buildings, 1 horse, 1 cow, chickens, feed, hay, corn, tools, etc.

7 room House corner Pine and May streets; excellent condition; bath room complete with instantaneous water heating system. Price greatly reduced.

7 room House, east side Pine street, all hardwood finish, electric lights, gas, sewer; fine condition.

See Us For Bargains in Farm and City Property.

Corrected June 24, 1918.

To Ionia and Detroit, 11:29 a. m.; To Greenville and Big Rapids, 6:40 a. m.; 5:40 p. m.

To Greenville and Saginaw, 7:56 a. m.; To Lowell and Grand Rapids, 10:10 a. m.; 8:22 p. m.; 8:00 p. m.

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